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## **RESPONSE**

## RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir;

This response is being filed in reply to an office action mailed on August 5, 2003, whereinby pending claims 1-6 were subjected to restriction. The Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- 1. Claims 1-5, drawn to a method for analyzing compound samples; and
- 2. Claim 6, drawn to a device for analyzing compound samples.

Applicants also respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement (1 reference) filed herewith.